



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado experienced elevated levels of precipitation in the form of rain and snow last week with temperatures reported below average. October weather patterns allowed farmers 4.5 days in the field to continue fieldwork and other operations. The wet, cool days slowed the harvesting of several crops throughout the week. The snow pack levels across the Rocky Mountains of Colorado are above normal averages for this time of year.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	5	20	69	6
Last Week	8	26	64	2
Last Year	3	21	71	5

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	19	35	44	2
Last Week	15	39	45	1
Last Year	8	30	60	2

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat producers have finished planting with 96 percent of the crop now emerged by week's end. Winter wheat is currently rated in good to excellent condition. Reporters are indicating that some winter wheat producers may have to replant areas that received heavy rainfall.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 29, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	1	3	20	45	31

**Row Crops:** The corn crop has completed the mature stage with 45 percent harvested. The corn crop currently is rated in mostly good to fair condition. The sorghum crop reached 92 percent mature and 25 percent harvested by week's end. The crop is rated in mostly fair to good condition. The sugarbeet harvest continues with 68 percent of the crop now harvested. Sugarbeets are rated in good to fair condition. Dry beans reached 88 percent harvested by week's end. Sunflowers are rated in mostly good to fair condition with 65 percent of the crop now harvested.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 29, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	6	13	20	42	19
Sorghum	1	20	42	36	1

**Hay:** Producers continue to cut alfalfa with 66 percent of the fourth cutting harvested.

**Pasture and Range:** Overall, pasture and range feed conditions increased slightly thanks to fall moisture. Reports indicate that grasses have matured and turned color.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep were average for the week. Producers continue to feed supplements due to the lack of grazable range and pastures.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 29, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2006	11	20	39	26	4
Prev. Year - 2005	3	16	49	28	4
5-Year Avg.	20	22	37	19	2

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending October 29, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Emerged	96	91	96	95
<b>Corn</b>				
Harvested	45	30	41	60
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Mature	92	70	99	96
Harvested	25	20	47	53
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	65	53	70	61
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	66	55	78	76
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Harvested	88	84	96	97
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvest	68	48	60	70

## COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS <sup>1/</sup>

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	4	9	24	47	16

<sup>1/</sup> Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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